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## **Qatar - AN/FPS-132 Block 5 Early Warning Radar**

WASHINGTON, July 29, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Qatar of one (1) A/N FPS-132 Block 5 Early Warning Radar (EWR) and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$1.1 billion.

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of one (1) A/N FPS-132 Block 5 Early Warning Radar (EWR) to include Prime Mission Equipment package, technical and support facilities, communication equipment, encryption devices, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$1.1B.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

This proposed sale will help strengthen U.S. efforts to promote regional stability by enhancing regional defense to a key U.S. ally. The acquisition of this air defense system would provide a permanent defensive capability to the Qatar Peninsula as well as protection of the economic infrastructure and well-being of Qatar. The proposed sale will help strengthen Qatar's capability to counter current and future threats in the region and reduce dependence on U.S. forces. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing this radar system into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Company in Woburn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale at this time.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Qatar. The number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives required in Qatar to support the program will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development, production and equipment installation phases.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.